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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN AID COORDINATING
CENTER

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH SECSTATE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, TIANETHONE CHANTARASY, THE REPORTS EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN AID COORDINATING CENTER IN THE MINISTRY TO WHICH MINISTRY OFFICIALS NOW SECONDED TO OTHER MINISTRIES ARE BEING RECALLED, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT SUCH A SECTION COULD BECOME A SERIOUS BOTTLENECK IF IT PREVENTED DIRECT LIAISON WITH AID-RECEIVING MINISTRIES.

2. TIANETHONE SAID THAT FONMIN PHOUMI DID NOT FEEL THAT ECON MINISTER SOTH PHETRASY WAS ON TOP OF HIS JOB OR KNEW WHAT VARIOUS DONORS WERE DOING. HE WISHED TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF SYSTEM WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE MINISTRY IN THESE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS BUT UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL THAT THE MINISTRY SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL MATTERS.

3. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THIS MOVE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE BUT THAT ONGOING U.S. PROGRAMS WOULD BE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED IF THE MINISTRY GOT IN THE ACT EVERY TIME PUBLIC WORKS NEEDED A FAN BELT.

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